

MAY ASK NEW LAW FOR GAS CONCERNS

District's Lawyer Says Claiborn's Decision Demands Impossible.

"If the District Court of Appeals sustains the decision of Chief Justice Claiborn, rendered on the prayers of the gas companies yesterday afternoon, that the jury be instructed to return a verdict in their favor, we will ask Congress to amend the existing law. I believe that the decision of the court asks the impossible."

This is the plan outlined by Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephens, who, by a ruling of the court late yesterday, has lost the first battle in his fight against the gas concerns of the District, against whom he brought suit for alleged infringement of the regulation fixing a certain standard of candle power and purity.

Following a day of arguments before the court, Attorney R. Ross Perry asked Chief Justice Claiborn to instruct the jury that the penalties of more than \$5,000, which the District seeks to collect by the conviction of shortages in candlepower and the presence of impurities in the city's gas supply, be denied. The attorney for the gas companies, however, asked the court to instruct the jury that the District inspectors had not made the tests required by the law. They claimed that the inspectors had made single tests at each station, and that under the law the defaults should continue for a twenty-four hour day.

"Apparently, we have to prove the gas is bad for whole day before we can recover," said Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephens this morning. "And then the decision would require us to notify them of the condition of their product and then wait another twenty-four hours before we could furnish proof that the gas was bad within the interpretation of the statute."

"I do not understand that we could do that under the word 'continue' in the statute. This looks like the impossible, and I argued yesterday that the judge was interpreting the law to mean the performance of something which is impossible. If the Court of Appeals sustains this decision we will have to go to Congress and have another law drawn."

The court will instruct the jury on Monday to return the verdict in favor of the gas companies, as Justice Claiborn holds that the concerns' acts have not infringed the law. Mr. Stephens will at once note an appeal.

Died

PRATT—On Thursday, April 1, 1939, at Brentwood, Md., MRS. ELLA PRATT. Burial at Haverstraw, N. Y., on Saturday, April 2.

GORMAN—On Thursday, April 1, 1939, at 11:30 a. m., JOANNA A., widow of the late Michael J. Gorman, 405 Massachusetts avenue northwest, on Monday, April 3, at 3:30 o'clock, thence to St. Agnes' Church, where requiem mass will be said at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

ETKA—On Wednesday, March 21, 1939, at his residence, 18 Tenth street northeast, after a long and painful illness, WILLIAM ELLSWORTH ETKA, in the forty-eighth year of his age.

The remains will be shipped to Mifflintown, Pa., for interment early Saturday morning.

FISH—Suddenly, at Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, March 20, 1939, of brain fever after three days' illness, ROSWELL A., beloved husband of Juanita Moore Fish and only child of Ellen F. and the late Col. Roswell A. Fish, of Washington, D. C.

GAWLER—On Thursday, April 1, 1939, at 4 a. m., CLARA LOUISA, eldest daughter of Joseph and Annie Louise Gawler, of Washington, D. C.

WILKINSON—On Thursday, April 1, 1939, at the home of his sister, 739 Eighth street northwest, GEORGE W. WILKINSON, of Philadelphia, Pa.

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WOMEN OF BUREAU ASK HIGHER WAGES

Female Employees of Engraving Shop Form Union. Want \$2 a Day.

Congress will soon be asked to make sympathetic response to an appeal from the women workers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who desire that their present pay of \$1.50 a day be raised to \$2.00. Of the present wage, the Government pays \$1.25 and the plate printer 25 cents.

These women have recently organized as Federal Labor Union, No. 1276. A committee of the union is now at work on the bill that later will find its way into the Congressional hopper.

Committee Asks Advance. As an initial move a committee of the women workers of the Bureau yesterday presented to Director Joseph Ralph a petition asking that their minimum pay be made \$2 a day. At the conclusion of the conference the Director said he would reply to the petition in writing within a few days. He indicated, however, that he would be in full accord with the women of his department on the wage scale if certain obstacles could be removed. He declared his intention to aid any movement for the betterment of his employees.

The petition, which was drawn by Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh and the Misses Louise Dangel, Gertrude McNally, Helen Ballenger, Edna Hardy, Ada Hudson, Narcissa Birdsall, Sallie Griffin, and Belle Trouland, was signed by 530 members of the union.

Text of Petition. It follows: "We feel justified in asking for the establishment of this minimum rate of \$2 a day in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, because \$2 a day is the minimum rate paid in the Government Printing Office to women, who take the same civil service examination as we do, and whose work is not only less laborious, but less responsible, than ours."

Mrs. Valesh, who is a leader in movements for the "uplift" for women, is directing most of the details of the new organization from her apartment in the Rochambeau, where the officers of the union will meet until a suitable hall can be secured.

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ALUMNI WILL DINE PRESIDENT JUDSON

University of Chicago Men to Have Banquet on May 1.

A banquet in honor of President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, will be given May 1 by University of Chicago alumni residents of Washington. The date was decided upon at the annual meeting of the alumni last evening, when it was announced that President Judson would be making a tour of the South at that time.

Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh and Representative Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, who are trustees of the university, will be among the guests of honor. Director Charles D. Walcott of the Smithsonian Institution, and President Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, are honorary degree alumni.

The Washington organization has seventy members, and is in a flourishing condition. The election of officers last night resulted as follows: President, G. F. Kay; vice president, Mrs. Leroy T. Vernon; secretary and treasurer, Paul C. Patterson.

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WANTS NEW TRIAL OF WILL CONTEST

Motions for a new trial will be filed by the attorneys representing Mrs. Rachael Richardson-Goodman-Brown, whose divorce from Richard R. B. Goodman in 1923 was declared invalid in the District by Justice Wright yesterday, when he concluded the trial of the issues brought when she filed a caveat to the will of John A. Brown, the late wealthy octogenarian, with whom she went through the ceremony of marriage in November, 1907.

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